

Friday 29th November 2024



Coming Up

Next week we are incredibly excited to be kick starting the festive season with a Pantomime.

The children will experience Arty-Fact Theatre's "A Christmas Twist". This is a light hearted, funny version of 'Oliver'. There will be lots of tinsel and a snow machine! Children will be able to join the actors on stage as part of the Artful Dodger's Gang. The show has lots of funny characters and fun songs such as "You've got a Friend in Me" and hilarious dance scenes and of course Christmas tunes as well.



Update from Miss Cartwright

Hi everyone,

This week we have had some superstar work, especially in writing. I have read amazing suspense stories in Year 4, leaving me with so many questions about characters, plot and what would happen next! I have also had the pleasure of being introduced to some monsters in Year 2.

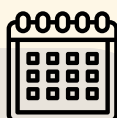
I would also like to celebrate a lovely afternoon the children had on Wednesday. Reading is so important to us here at The Vale and we love getting lost in stories and learning new information from non-fiction books. The children enjoyed a fun filled afternoon creating book marks for a competition where they had the chance to win book vouchers. I have seen some amazing designs! The children also had access to the book fair Wednesday afternoon where they could explore the books and create a wish list. The afternoon ended with our much loved reading afternoon and so many families enjoyed the book fair to finish the day.

Miss Cartwright



Diary Dates

Dates For Your Calendar



Autumn

Every Wednesday 14:50 Reading afternoon

Every Monday 9:00 SEND clinic. Please contact the main office to book

12.12.24 EYFS Nativity

09.12.24 Year 1 and 2 Christmas Carol concert (all parents and carers welcome)

17.12.24 Reception and Y1 family Christmas Dinners

18.12.24 Y2 and Y3 family Christmas Dinners

19.12.24 Y4, Y5 and Y6 Family Christmas Dinners



Early Years

R
POTW
Betty

N
POTW
Layla
Freddie

Reception

This week, reception has been busy innovating our story in Talk for Writing. Children have thought of some brilliant ideas and demonstrated some excellent drawing skills. We have also been busy learning all about 4 sided shapes. We have completed lots of activities by making squares and rectangles with lollipop sticks, elastic bands and pieces of paper. We also looked at pictures from our environment and discussed the different shapes we could see. Reception really impressed me this week with their ball skills in PE, we pretended our ball was a grasshopper that kept jumping out of our hands. We waited for the 'magic moment' and practised catching it with two hands. Well done everyone!

Mrs Pearson

Nursery

In nursery this week, we have enjoyed lots of practical maths activities, we counted marshmallows into hot chocolate and placed buttons on snowmen. We have also enjoyed looking at different houses as part of our PSHE.

Mrs Richardson



Year 1

P.E is on Wednesday for Year 1 and Forest School on Thursday.

I have been so impressed with the children's hard work this week. In science, we have been exploring and grouping materials based on their properties. We have been particularly focused on using the vocabulary of 'hard' and 'soft' as well as 'rough, smooth, shiny or dull.'

In music, we have loved exploring the genre of Rock music this week. The children used their own rhythm boards to clap their own rhythms with their partner. We challenged ourselves to add taps into our rhythm and used two counters in a box. This meant we needed to clap quicker to keep to the beat.

We finished writing our own warning tales. I was so impressed with the children's amazing ideas and excellent punctuated sentences. They were a pleasure to read.

Miss Roberts

POTW
Freddie G



Year 2

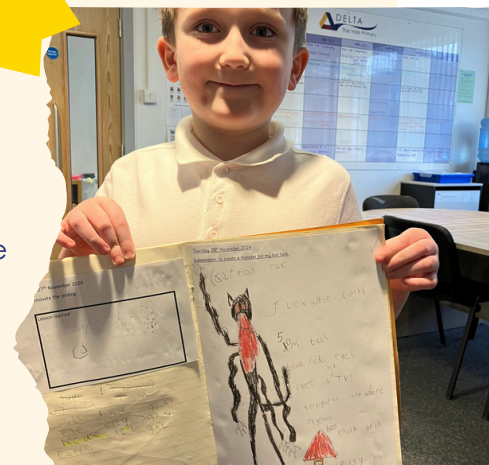
Year 2 have PE is on Monday.

Forests School in on a Thursday, please ensure your child has warm and waterproof clothing that can get muddy.

In Year 2 this week the children have been creating their own monster. This monster will be what their man character defeats when they come to write their own story. The children can explain what their monster is, what makes them so scary and some of the terrifying powers. Well done Year 2, I can't wait to read your end writing!

Miss Cartwright

POTW



Year 3



POTW
Jeona

Year 3 have PE on a Tuesday.

This week we have been writing our innovation for our overcoming the monster stories. It is brilliant to see the creativity flowing in Year 3 - we have stories with ninja's, in space and about ghosts.

Year 3 have continued to practice their football skills in PE - dribbling, defending the ball and targeting the goal to score.

On Wednesday we created some awesome origami bookmarks in celebration of the book fair in school - they look amazing Year 3!

Miss Goodall



Year 4



POTW
Millie

This term Year 4 have P.E on a Tuesday.

This week we have started to write our own Finding Tale using the suspense toolkit. We have been using some of the toolkit features which we have practiced over the last few weeks such as empty words, dramatic adverbials and powerful verbs. I am so proud of all of your pieces of writing Year 4, well done!

We have also practiced our Mod Roc skills in preparation for creating our Viking God sculptures later on in the term. We have learnt how to apply Mod Roc to an armature. We had so much fun.

Miss Capper



Year 5



POTW
Teal

Year 5 have PE on Tuesday and swimming on Friday.

This week, Year 5 have been geographers. We loved exploring different types of map - topographic, relief and political. We used six figure grid references to find Mount Etna and Mount Vesuvius and learned all about how tectonic plates form mountains.

In maths, we stunned Miss Prout and Mrs Brain with our excellent fraction knowledge and were showing off our skills of finding equivalent fractions!

In Spanish, we have been learning how to describe the weather. We practised holding a conversation with a friend to show off our new vocabulary.

Miss Prout



Year 6



POTW
Aimee

This term Year 6 have PE on a Tuesday.

Year 6 have worked hard in their maths lessons this week. We have been learning about fractions of an amount and applying our knowledge to reasoning and problem solving questions. The children have been very resilient and enjoyed the challenges. Well done Year 6!

Year 6 have been geographers this week. We have been learning about the relationship between climate zones and time zones. The children created a poster to explain their findings from completing their own research on their tablets.

Miss Burgess



Safeguarding



Ensuring our pupils are safe and well looked after is our key priority.

Miss H Prout :
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss S Cartwright:
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Mrs S Rowse, Mrs S Brain, Miss E Burgess, Mrs R Pearson:
Safeguarding officers

All staff have received Safeguarding training to ensure that they can recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and also how to report/act if a disclosure is made.

Concerns about the safety or welfare of a child? Contact us: 01977 722485

Out of hours contact number:
03458 503503

For more information:
<https://thevpacademy.org.uk/knowledge-base/safeguarding/>

Attendance



Attendance matters.

Coming to school on time, every day is vital to achieving the best possible outcomes as well as learning good habits which will benefit everyone in the future. Please see our updated attendance policy.

EYFS

95%

Y1

88%

Y2

94%

Y3

94%

Y4

88%

Y5

91%

Y6

88%

Providing children with positive experiences and strategies to embed emotional resilience.

We use The Thrive Approach as a whole school strategy to promote positive mental health and wellbeing of which when this is present in children's lives it has been proven to improve their attendance, behaviour and attainment.

This allows our children to become confident, curious, creative and capable, therefore opens doors to a bright future for our children.

Mrs S Rowse
Thrive Practitioner

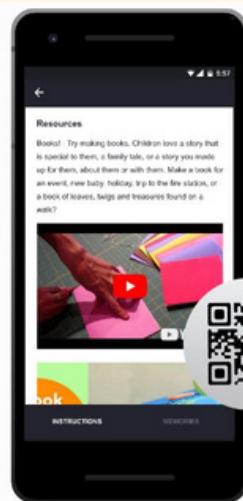


50 THINGS TO DO AT HOME

Download THE MOBILE APP

50 Things To Do Before You're Five gives you 50 activities that parents and carers can support their children to try out and repeat.

Download the mobile app from Apple AppStore or Google PlayStore...



Scan the QR code with your smartphone to take you to the 50 Things To Do Before You're Five app...

For information regarding mental health support & advice, please visit the below links:

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/u13/home/>

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/wakefield-children-and-young-peoples-emotional-health-and-wellbeing-service/>

Inclusion & SEND



At The Vale Primary Academy we are committed to providing an inclusive education for all our children. This means that any child who may have Special Educational Needs or a Disability (SEND) will have access to additional or specialist support throughout their life at our academy. All teachers are responsible for every child in their care, including those with special educational needs and disabilities.

Did you know about the MAX Card?

The MAX entitles any family with a child who has SEND or is a looked after family, hundreds of discounts across the county. Its is completely FREE to sign up. Please use the link below to get yours ASAP!

https://mymaxcard.co.uk/local-distributors/?_council_type=2&_council_region=yorkshire-and-the-humber&_council_area=wakefield

To find out what services Wakefield provide for the SEND community, please visit the following link - <https://wakefield.mylocaloffer.org/>

For further support, please contact a member of the Inclusion team:

- Mrs S Rowse- SENDCo
- Mrs S Rowse - Lead Thrive Practitioner
- Miss H Prout - Designated Safeguarding Lead & Assistant Principal
- Miss S Cartwright - Head of Academy and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

